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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$368,300 TO THE VILLAGE OF PENDLETON

Congressman Kenny Hulshof and Gregory C. Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented two Mock Checks totaling \$368,300 to Village Board Member Al Kirkpatrick on August 12, 2005. The event was held at the Pendleton firehouse/community building. A mock check of \$150,900 represented approval of \$60,900 loan funds and \$90,000 grant funds to be used for a new water system. A mock check of \$217,400 represented approval of \$34,300 loan funds and \$183,100 grant funds to be used for a new sewer system. In total the \$632,100 of improvements are being funded through a partnership effort with Rural Development funds totaling \$368,300 and CDBG grants totaling \$263,800 through Boonslick Regional Planning Commission.



"These dollars are important to the rural communities such as Pendleton and the State of Missouri," said Kenny Hulshof, U.S. Congressman. "Not only are they vital to creating conditions for economic growth, but they also help better Missouri communities. I am grateful for the work of the USDA staff and I look forward to continuing our work on behalf of Missourians."

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof have been, and continue to be, strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians by making available federal funds for these kinds of rural projects."

"Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work making this project a reality and improving the livability of the Pendleton community," said Branum. "This project mirrors President Bush's initiatives for rural America and exemplify the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities."

Manager Rich Moore stated, "The water district thanks Rural Development for their financial assistance in constructing the new water and sewer system. With these improvements, we can provide a safe and dependable water supply and sewer service to Pendleton residents."

Project Engineer, Robert Goebe of Lewis-Bade, Inc. in Warrenton, provided the design and will provide construction oversight for both the water and sewer projects.

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